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December, 16, 2003

Illinois Department of Transportation 401 Main Peoria, IL 61602 -

RE: Macomb Area Study and Bypass Issues

Dear IDOT:

I feel IDOT did an unfair comparison on the Southern Bypass by including the Route 67 Cost Estimates from Route 136 East to where the Southern Bypass meets 67 South. Everyone I talked to-was unaware that the construction costs and environmental impacts on this portion of Route 67 were included in the Southern Bypass Cost Estimates. By comparison, when Route 67 is constructed, a several mile area of Route 67 costs would be saved because the cost was shifted to the Southern Bypass expensé. Originally, many people were in favor of the Southern Bypass; but felt that based on your cost estimates, the southern route was not affordable. Consequently, the community changed their position to the Northwest Bypass even though they did not like the environmental aspects of the Northwest Bypass, namely at the time Mayor Tom Carper and County Board Chairman Chuck Gilbert, as well as many others.

I feel opinions on the bypass were based on misinformation and new public hearings should take place with the correct information. Secondly, environmental changes within the last five years have taken place on the Deer Ridge property and warrant a reassessment. Please also read the attached letter for additional concerns.

Respectfully,

Jack Laverdiere

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March 18, 2004

BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT STUDIES & PLANS – PHASE I FAP Route 315 & 310 (IL 336 & US 67) Macomb Area Study McDonough County Job No. P-94-152-91 Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Jack Laverdiere 4055 West Jackson Street Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Laverdiere:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you questioned why the portion of roadway from the connection to US Route 67 to US Route 136 at the east end of Macomb was used in the cost comparison for the south bypass alternate. In comparing corridors, a common starting and ending point was utilized. To use an ending point of comparison, as you suggested, would result in a comparison of unequal components. The comparison of the Macomb Bypass alternates must stand on their own and not be contingent on other studies, such as US Route 67, which would skew the analysis.

Regarding the selection of the northwest bypass, cost was only one of several factors considered in comparing south and northwest alignment alternates. Page III-6 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement lists the reasons why the south bypass was dropped. These points are stated below:

- 1. Greater right-of-way requirements and agricultural impacts.
- 2. Greater woodland impacts.
- 3. Greater wetland impacts.
- 4. Greater floodplain impacts.
- 5. Higher construction cost.
- The South/Northeast combination would divert less traffic from existing US Route 136 and US Route 67 from the center of Macomb.

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- The South/Northeast combination would result in longer travel time for vehicles traveling north to west or west to north. The Northwest/Northeast corridor combination would result in faster travel time for all traffic movements.
- 8. The South/Northeast combination would be longer in length.
- The Northwest corridor was endorsed by the McDonough County Board on July 15, 1998 and the City of Macomb on July 20, 1998.

The Department conducted several informational meetings with residents located in the south and northwest bypass corridors; in addition, presentation of a selected corridor at the Public Meeting held on April 25, 1999. Also, concurrence was received regarding the corridor selection from the following agencies: FHWA, EPA, IDNR, USDA, and the Army Corp of Engineers.

In conclusion, extensive analysis and coordination was performed to arrive at the recommended bypass corridor as presented at the Public Hearing. The Department does not intend to re-visit this decision.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Crowe

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E. District Engineer

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Joe Laverdiere 9 Oak Run Macomb, II 61455 Phone: 309-837-6799

December 16, 2003

Dear, IDOT Officials

My name is Joe Laverdiere; I am a concerned resident regarding the northwest Corridor Bypass.

I presently live at 9 Oak Run in Macomb, this happens to be a newer subdivision behind Stratford West Condos that the new Corridor will effect. When I bought this lot and build my house my brother, Jack Laverdiere and I had agreement that I would have use of the lake behind my house. The lake was designed primarily for water-skiing, with a professional water-ski course installed. I am an aspiring semi-pro water-skier. I ski four times a week for training. How will I be reimbursed or for this tremendous loss?

The other concern is the area would be ruined for hunting. Since my brother bought this area we have totally set the land up for deer hunting, we have even hand built our own log cabin out of native trees that were needing thinned out. Our family has spent countless hours building this lifetime dream. How do you reimburse this?

Is their any way the corridor can be moved more to the West?

Respectfully,

Joe Laverdiere



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Dear Mr. Laverdiere:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you discussed the Macomb Bypass alignment location in relationship to the location of your residence located at 9 Oak Run in Macomb. The Macomb Bypass preliminary northwest corridor alignment was presented at a Public Meeting held in Macomb on April 28, 1999. After this meeting, the lake you mentioned in your comments was constructed. The Department then analyzed the location of the alignment as presented at the meeting in 1999 to minimize the impacts associated with the newly constructed lake. As a result of further analysis, the alignment was shifted west in order to cross the lake at a narrow section and to avoid the dam sites. A shift westward to avoid the lake completely was eliminated due to high impacts to the longitudinal floodplain along Spring Creek, terrain effects, bridge crossings of Spring Creek, cost and length.

In your letter, you inquired as to the reimbursement for land acquisition of your property. Once the Bureau of Land Acquisition receives approved parcel plats and has a scheduled date for the contract letting, a staff person from the Department or an independent fee appraiser will be assigned to appraise those properties from which a simple fee, permanent, and/or temporary easement acquisitions will be required. The appraiser will contact the property owners to arrange for property inspections. The appraiser will discuss the concerns of each property owner regarding the project and proposed acquisition(s), and also address those concerns, as they may or may not have an impact on the value of the whole property and subject remainder after the acquisition and construction improvement.

The real estate appraiser on staff with the Department and the Independent contract appraiser we engage are all Illinois certified appraisers, and some have professional designations with national appraisal organizations. They are experienced at appraising properties for eminent domain.

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Since the right-of-way plats specific to each property have not been prepared at this time, we cannot address any potential impact that may be specific to your property. We will certainly be available to discuss any specific valuation issues with you at a later date when plans and plats have been approved.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.

District Engineer

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Mr. Robert Loring 1601 East Jackson, Lot #215 Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Loring:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Mr. John Maguire 1132 Memorial Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Maguire:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

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Mr. & Mrs. Greg McKee 13005 North 1600 Road Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. & Mrs. McKee:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you requested to have the Department evaluate shifting the alignment further south where it crosses your property. In response to your request, the Department evaluated an alignment shifted as far south as possible, which still avoids wetland seep areas and stays within your property.

On the enclosed aerial exhibit, the alignment shown at the Public Hearing is shown in yellow, and the alignment shifted south is shown in orange. In comparing the alignment impacts, it was determined that the alignment shifted south had eight acres less right-of-way required and no additional impacts to the adjacent property. In addition, the revised alignment minimizes impacts to wetlands. Based on the comparison, the Department will revise the report to reflect an alignment location shifted south (alignment shown in orange on the enclosed aerial).

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E. District Engineer

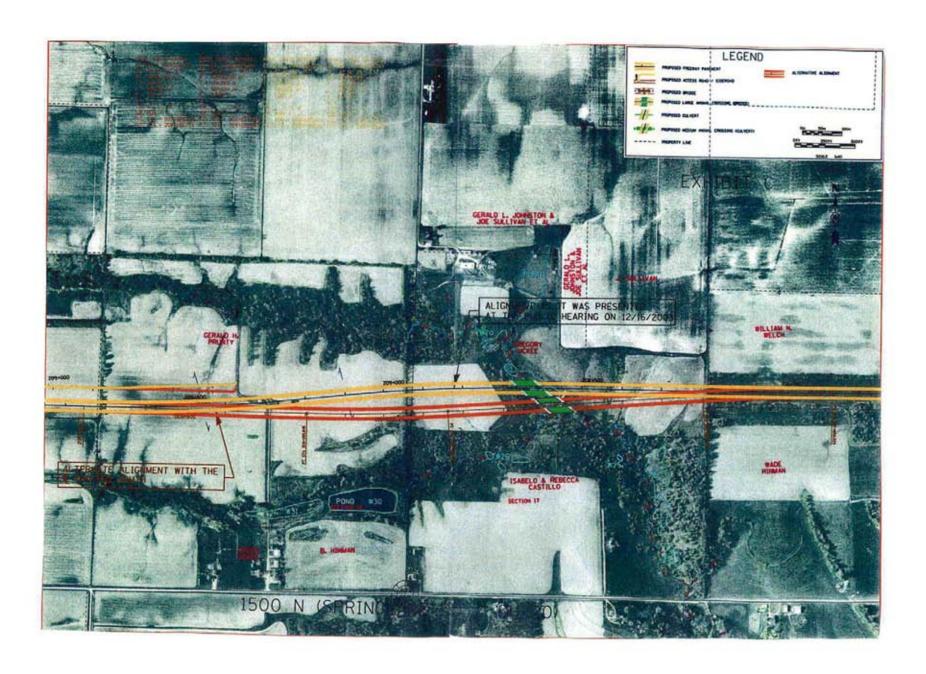
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Mr. R. Meixner 1207 Rebecca Lane Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Meixner:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Mr. Eric Moe 314 East Jackson Street Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Moe:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you asked about corridor protection. The intent of corridor protection is to protect the right-of-way needed for projects from future costly and conflicting development. The Department reviews "hardship" buys on a case-by-case basis.

In response to your question pertaining to a half interchange at Bower Road, the Macomb Bypass Study does not propose an interchange at this location. Interchanges at US Route 67 and US Route 136 will provide access to the bypass at locations conducive to traffic volumes and terrain.

In your comments, you asked if there would be noise mitigation at Spring Lake Park. Spring Lake Park Campgrounds are located approximately 0.7 mile from the proposed highway. At that distance, a noise barrier would not be effective. A barrier only provides a reduction for receptors that fall within the barrier's "shadow zone" which would be much closer to the highway than Spring Lake Park. The noise level at the park is not anticipated to be excessive. Analysis computed for residences located along CH 14/900E, approximately 0.4 mile from the proposed highway, showed the noise level of 49 to 52 dBA. The noise level at the park would be significantly less.

You also expressed concern for residential areas in the vicinity of the proposed highway. The DEIS analyzed 22 receptor locations which represented subdivisions and isolated homes along the proposed route. Noise barrier analyses were conducted for all receptors that exceeded the FHWA's Noise Abatement Criteria of 67 dBA for residential units or which were anticipated to experience an increase in noise level greater than 14 dBA. The feasibility and reasonableness of providing noise barriers were evaluated. The analysis found that barriers would not be a reasonable expense in any of the areas evaluated.

Mr. Eric Moe RE: Macomb Bypass Study February 27, 2004 Page 2

In regard to your question on signing the interchange west of Macomb to direct motorists to Argyle State Park, the Department intends to place signs at the US 136 interchange west of Macomb to notify motorists of Argyle State Park.

The Environmental Impact Statement Report you requested to review can be viewed on line at www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/env.html.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.

Very truly yours,

District Engineer

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Ms. Roberta Moore 200 Chevenne Road Colchester, IL 62326

Dear Ms. Moore:

Thank you for your verbal comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003.

In your comments, you requested a map of the proposed roadway in the area near the Sue Bagley property. Enclosed is an aerial view of the area showing the Macomb Bypass in yellow and the IL 336 alignment is shown in red. The preliminary right-of-way (R.O.W.) limits are also shown.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

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Mr. Rob Nelson 8521 North 1250th Road Colchester, IL 62326

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your opposition to the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Mrs. Teri Nelson 8521 North 1250th Road Colchester, IL 62326

Dear Mrs. Nelson:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your opposition to the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E. District Engineer

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Project File (S. Lababidi)
Project Engineer (T. Lacy)
Environment (P. Green)
Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas (Attn: Mr. Aaron Chanowitz)

We want your comments on the proposed Macomb Bypass.

We encourage you to make your views a part of the official record. Written comments received within 10 days of this meeting will be included in the official record and will receive equal consideration along with the statements received at this meeting.



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